

Kaddoumi: PLO will heal Syria rift

SANAA (R) — Palestinian Foreign Affairs Chief Farouk Kaddoumi said Friday the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) was determined to heal its rift with Syria. Speaking at a press conference in the North Yemeni capital, Mr. Kaddoumi said: "We will spare no effort to mend fences with sister Syria. Syria is a frontline country in the struggle against the enemy (Israel), therefore we should have close relations with it." Mr. Kaddoumi has been attending the annual meeting here of foreign ministers from nations in the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC). PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat used to be partly-based in Syria but was expelled last year after Syria took the side of Palestinian radicals. The radicals rebelled against Mr. Arafat, saying he was too moderate in the Palestinians' fight to regain their homeland.

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Pirzada elected OIC chief

SANAA (R) — The Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) Friday chose Pakistani Law Minister Sharifuddin Pirzada to succeed Habib Chatti of Tunisia as OIC secretary-general, OIC sources said. Mr. Pirzada will take over when Mr. Chatti's four-year term expires next month. North Yemeni Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Al Iryani, chairman of the OIC foreign minister's meeting here, announced the choice Friday evening after the only other candidate, former Bangladeshi Foreign Minister Aminurrahman Shams Ad Duha withdrew his candidacy, the sources said. Mr. Pirzada, an eminent jurist in his mid-50s, has served in several Pakistani administrations since the 1960s. He was foreign minister under Ayub Khan, attorney-general under Yahya Khan and rejoined the government in 1979 as law minister and attorney-general.

U.N. team to probe PoWs situation

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies) — An understanding has been reached with the governments of Iran and Iraq to send a mission to examine the situation of prisoners of war (PoWs) and civilian detainees in both countries, according to a spokesman for Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar. A U.N. mission was originally scheduled to visit the two countries in November, but was cancelled because agreement could not be reached on technical details of the trip. The mission's main objective is to inquire into an incident which reportedly occurred on Oct. 10 in a camp for Iraqi prisoners of war located in Gorgan, Iran. The mission will also visit Iraq and then report on all the concerns that both Iran and Iraq have expressed regarding the situation of prisoners of war.

Abramowitz to head State Department intelligence bureau

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz has selected Morton Abramowitz, a career minister of the senior foreign service, as director of the Bureau of Intelligence and Research, succeeding Hugh Montgomery and the appointment will be effective Feb. 1. State Department spokesman John Hughes said, Mr. Abramowitz' most recent assignment was U.S. representative to the mutual and balanced force reduction negotiations in Vienna. Earlier, he served as U.S. ambassador to Thailand (1978-81) and deputy assistant secretary of defence for inter-American, East Asian and Pacific affairs.

France jails five Armenians

CRETEIL, France (AP) — Five of six Armenians charged with complicity in the July 1983 bombing at Orly airport that killed eight people and wounded more than 50 were convicted Friday and sentenced to terms ranging from two to four years in prison. Avedis Catanian, 28, was given a four-year sentence, Bedros Halabian, 29, was sentenced to three years, Nersez Tasci 24, and Ohanes Catanian, 25, were jailed for two years, and Antoin Achkoyan, 38, received a 30-month sentence. Roobik Avanasian, 26, was acquitted. All had been charged with association with criminals, illegal possession of arms, ammunition and explosives and making false documents.

UNHCR appeals for aid in Sudan

GENEVA (R) — The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Poul Hartling, Friday launched an emergency appeal for \$11 million to cope with a dramatic increase of refugees from Ethiopia into eastern Sudan. A UNHCR office statement said in early November new arrivals were estimated at 35,000. By Dec. 15 a further 75,000 had flooded in and the exodus from Ethiopia's drought-ravaged northern provinces of Tigre and Eritrea was continuing at the rate of 1,000 to 1,200 people a day.

Jordan, sultanate establish diplomatic relations

Sultan of Brunei ends visit with call for Israeli withdrawal, peace in Gulf

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AMMAN — Jordan and Brunei announced Friday that the two countries have decided to establish diplomatic relations and that they share identical views on the Palestinian cause, the Iran-Iraq war, the Lebanese problem and the situation in South-East Asia.

The announcement came in a joint communique issued at the end of a three-day state visit to Jordan by Sultan Muda Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah and his wife, Princess Hajjah Mariam, upon the invitation of Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor.

The communique said that Jordan and Brunei will take "the necessary steps to put this decision (to establish diplomatic relations) into effect as soon as possible."

At present Brunei maintains only one diplomatic mission in the Middle East, based in Cairo.

Referring to the Middle East situation, the communique said both Jordan and Brunei "totally oppose all Israeli efforts aimed at altering the Arab and Islamic identity of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. They consider the establishment of Israeli colonies and Jewish settlements in the occupied Arab territories as illegal, contrary to international law and a serious threat to the chances of peace in the area," it added.

Jordan and Brunei also agreed that the foundation to a just solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict "lies in the implementation of Security Council Resolution 242 with its central formula of the non-admissibility of the acquisition of territory by war and the need for Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories in 1967," the joint communique said.

Commenting on the 30-month-old Israeli occupation of South Lebanon, the communique said "the two sides agreed on the need to exert all possible efforts to secure Israel's full withdrawal from all the Lebanese territories" and "support all efforts aimed at allowing the Lebanese legitimate authority to guarantee the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Lebanon."

Turning to the Iran-Iraq war, it said: "This war which has entered its fifth year has caused massive material damage and loss of human lives to the two neighbouring and Muslim countries," and "poses grave risks to the security and stability of the region and opens the way for possible outside intervention."

It appealed to the warring countries to "end the war so that a settlement can be reached that will guarantee the legitimate rights of the two parties."

Referring to bilateral relations, the communique said the two sides expressed "complete satisfaction with the brotherly and friendly ties that bind their peoples" and agreed to enhance cooperation in all aspects.

Jordan has agreed to allocate seats in the Kingdom's universities for students from Brunei and provide technical experts to Brunei upon the request of the Far Eastern sultanate.

The discussions held between the two sides gave particular consideration to Islamic affairs and both sides agreed to intensify efforts aimed at promoting inter-Islamic cooperation, it said.

Sultan Muda and Princess Mariam also extended an invitation to King Hussein and Queen Noor to visit Brunei. The full text of the Jordan-Brunei joint communique will be published in tomorrow's issue of the Jordan Times.

A member of an official delegation accompanying Sultan Muda told the Jordan Times that the Brunei leader's current tour of the Middle East is his second official since the small South Asian nation was declared an independent state last year. The delegation member said that the Sultan's first tour included Japan and South Korea — "biggest investors in Brunei's oil and gas industries and the most biggest importers of its petroleum output."

But while the Sultan's Far Asian tour was basically aimed at consolidating the already strong relations with Japan and South Korea, the second tour bore an "important political dimension" (Continued on page 5)

Car bomb kills 3 at Lebanese Druze school

BEIRUT (R) — A big car bomb killed three people and injured 30 at a Druze village school near Beirut, setting off an artillery duel which sent shells crashing into the mostly Christian sector of the capital, local radios reported.

The mainly Druze Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) radio said 19 children were among those wounded when a bomb rigged in a green Mercedes car went off at Ras Al Metn in the mountains 15 kilometres east of Beirut. An area controlled by the Syrian army. It was the fourth major attack on Druze targets in Lebanon in three weeks.

Within minutes of the blast, at least four shells fell on Ashrafieh, the hub of east Beirut, injuring three people, as PSP fighters fired on the eastern sector, a rightist radio said.

Three shells also exploded near the presidential palace and the Ministry of Defence in the hill suburbs of Beirut, it said.

PSP radio said the PSP-dominated town of Bhamdoun, across the valley from Ras Al Metn, briefly came under shell fire.

Calling for blood donations for hospitals treating the wounded, PSP radio blamed "suspicious departments" for the blast. In the past, the phrase has meant government agencies allegedly controlled by the PSP's rivals in the mostly Christian Falange Party.

Like three similar attacks in the past month, it was unclear who was behind Friday's bombing.

On Nov. 29, a car bomb in the Druze village of Aley, near Ras Al Metn, killed four people and injured 14. A car bomb outside the Druze community headquarters in west Beirut on Dec. 12 injured 12 people.

Two days later, unknown gunmen shot and killed a senior Druze officer in west Beirut.

West German Greens delegation due Sunday

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AMMAN — A West German delegation representing the Greens Party currently on a fact-finding mission in the Middle East is due to arrive here Sunday for a two-day official visit to Jordan, a spokesman for the German embassy said Friday.

The seven-member delegation, which includes two members of the West German parliament (Bundestag), is expected to hold talks with Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri, Lower House of Parliament Speaker Akel Al Fayez and other Jordanian officials.

The delegation, which includes Brigitte Heinrich, who is also a member of the European Parliament, was denied permission Monday to enter Israel because of Miss Heinrich's support of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and the "anti-Israeli tone of a working document prepared for the trip," the New York Times reported on Monday.

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Shamir: Israel will soon decide on Lebanon pullout

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Friday Israel would decide "in the coming weeks" on unilateral action to withdraw Israeli troops in the absence of an agreement with the Lebanese government.

Israeli military correspondents reported that a consensus was growing in the army and in the government to pull back the Israeli occupation forces from the current "front line" at the Awali River.

Reports on Israel Television, the state-run radio and several newspapers suggested the army may move south from its current line along the Awali River near the Mediterranean port city of Sidon to the Zaharani River, 12 kilometres south or to the Litani River 32 kilometres south.

Israel would maintain its current positions facing Syria's army in eastern Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, the reports said.

Withdrawal talks between Israel and Lebanon on a coordinated withdrawal have been stalemated over Israel's demand for an expanded United Nations peacekeeping force in any Lebanese territory Israel evacuated.

Israel's chief delegate to the talks, Brig. Gen. Amos Gilboa issued statements Thursday at the talks in the Lebanese border town of Naqura that amounted to an ultimatum. He demanded Lebanon return with a positive reply when the negotiations resume after a holiday recess Jan. 7 or risk an Israeli walk out and the beginning of an uncoordinated withdrawal.

"I think that in the coming weeks we will decide on the next steps," Mr. Shamir said in an interview with Israel Radio. "If they will not be agreed upon, there will be steps decided on only by us."

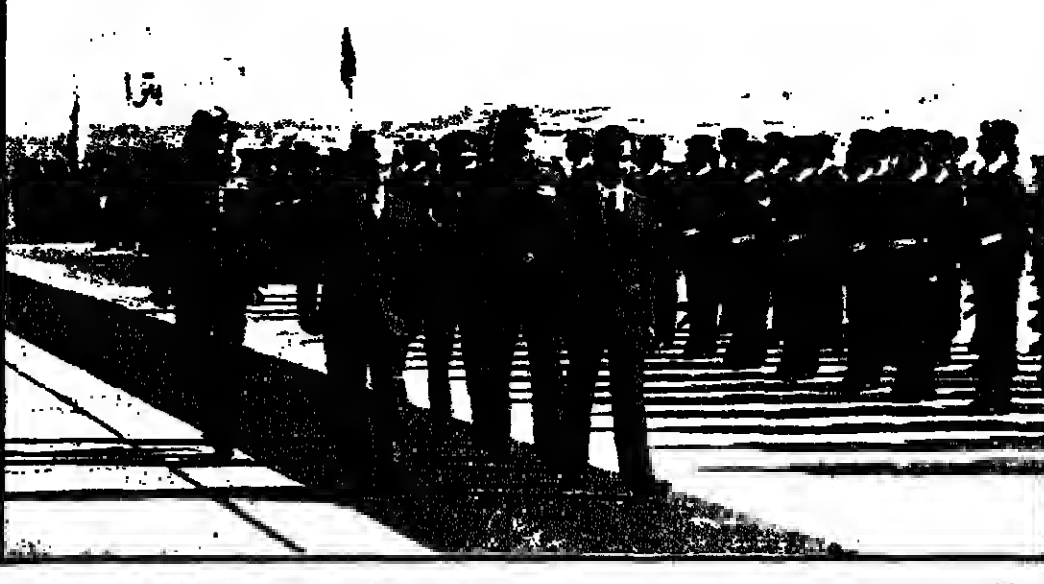
In Thursday's talks at Naqura, Israel threatened to break off the talks if Beirut did not accept the redeployment of an enlarged United Nations peacekeeping force in South Lebanon.

It issued the ultimatum in a statement read out at the 11th round of negotiations, the last session before a three-week Christmas recess.

A Lebanese spokesman expressed surprise at the Israeli demand and insisted that the Lebanese army should deploy in all areas vacated by Israel.

Brigadier Gilboa said Israel insisted an expanded U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) should take over territory between the Zaharani and Awali rivers.

He said unless Israel received a positive reply by Jan. 7, the next scheduled session of the talks, it would have to consider "whether there will be any further purpose in the continuation of the talks."



Sultan Muda Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei, accompanied by His Majesty King Hussein, inspecting a guard of honour mounted at the airport to mark the occasion of the conclusion of his three-day visit to Jordan Friday (Petra photo)

Ustinov, powerful Soviet defence minister, dies at 76

EDINBURGH (Agencies) — Soviet Defence Minister Dmitry Ustinov is dead, senior politburo member Mikhail Gorbachev announced Friday.

Mr. Gorbachev, regarded as Kremlin's number two, made the announcement at a news conference in the Scottish capital before cutting short a British tour and flying home to Moscow.

"We have had a great and tragic loss," Mr. Gorbachev told reporters.

"The minister of defence, our old friend and comrade Dmitry Feodorovich Ustinov has passed away."

Mr. Gorbachev broke off his week-long visit to Britain a day early after learning that Mr. Ustinov, 76, was dead.

After the return of Mr. Gorbachev from Scotland, Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov was reported from Ankara to have postponed a trip to Turkey due to begin on Monday and Deputy Premier Ivan Arkhipov may cut short his visit to Peking (See page 8).



Dmitry Ustinov (1908-1984)

Kremlin in the 1980's and was seen as a co-architect of a tougher policy towards the West.

He became one of the leading members of the ruling politburo under former President Leonid Brezhnev and expanded his role still further in the administrations of his successors.

After Konstantin Chernenko took office last February, Kremlin power appeared to be effectively in the hands of a "triumvirate" with Mr. Ustinov and Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko virtually in control of foreign policy decision making.

Most Western diplomatic analysts believe it was the two ministers who set Moscow on a hardline course towards the West and masterminded the end of nuclear arms negotiations after the United States began deploying nuclear missiles in Europe.

It was primarily Marshal Ustinov who enunciated the tougher Soviet line in a series of speeches in which he threatened devastating retaliation against any use of atomic arms by the West and pledged to keep modernising Moscow's nuclear arsenal.

Western military experts credit Mr. Ustinov, who was in earlier years a driving force behind the Soviet space programme, with an enlightened approach in his role as armed forces chief. They say he encouraged a thorough revision of Soviet war strategies, which had long remained rooted in World War II techniques.

Mr. Ustinov has not been seen in public since the end of September and was reported to be seriously ill, though details of his illness were not known.

Some East European sources said in Moscow they had been informed that an official announcement would not be made until early Saturday.

Mr. Ustinov was not seen as a candidate for the leadership of the Soviet Communist Party but as a powerful figure behind the scenes.

Analysts of Kremlin politics frequently referred to him as a "kingmaker" whose support could sway the odds in favour of one or other would-be party leader.

His death leaves a vacuum not easily filled. Mr. Ustinov combined the important Defence Ministry post with the party authority concomitant with his membership of the ruling politburo.

He might be replaced by one of his three deputies at the Defence Ministry. It was one of these, Marshal Sergei Sokolov, who took Mr. Ustinov's place at the Red Square Nov. 7 parade.

The others are Marshal Viktor Kulikov, head of the Warsaw Pact forces, and Soviet Chief-of-Staff Marshal Sergei Akhromyev.

Results of Gorbachev visit to U.K. alarm U.S.

LONDON (AP) — United States officials are reportedly concerned about the apparent success of senior Kremlin leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev in promoting opposition among West European leaders to America's "star wars" programme.

Mr. Gorbachev, who returned to Moscow Friday after cutting short a visit to Britain upon hearing the news of the death of Soviet Defence Minister Dmitry Ustinov, stressed during his six days in Britain the Kremlin line that progress on arms control talks would be impossible if Washington developed its "star wars" system.

U.S. Ambassador Charles Price visited the British Foreign Office Thursday for talks within Malcolm Rifkind, the minister of state responsible for Soviet block affairs.

No details were given of what was discussed by Mr. Price and Mr. Rifkind but the London newspaper the Daily Telegraph reported Friday: "U.S. officials are concerned about the apparent success of Mr. Gorbachev's mission to Britain in promoting Western European opposition to America's anti-missile space defence plans."

U.S. says Soviets aiming to site 450 to 500 SS-20s, page 8

Two tankers abandoned ablaze after Iraqi missile hits in Gulf

BAHRAIN (AP) — Iraq announced Friday that its jet fighters raided two "large naval targets" in pursuit of its blockade on Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal, and for the first time in the so-called Gulf tanker war there was confirmation of two vessels Iraqi attacked the same day.

The attacks were the latest in the almost daily forays over of Iraqi warplanes on tankers and freighters plying Iranian waters with the avowed aim of Baghdad to tighten the year-old blockade and economically choke off its Gulf oil as their war enters its 51st month.

Gulf shipping sources first reported that the 230,000-ton Norwegian supertanker Thorshavet, fully laden with Iranian crude oil destined for Japan, was set ablaze some 96 kilometres south of the Kharg terminal.

Hours later, the London-based Lloyd's shipping intelligence report said the 52,661-ton Liberator tanker Magnolia was also attacked about 49 kilometres south of Kharg.

Two unidentified crewmen of the Magnolia were killed in the strike, but the 26-member Norwegian and Spanish crew of the Thorshavet were safe, according to the reports.

The Iraqi military spokesman in Baghdad said "direct hits" were scored in the attacks.

In Iraqi military parlance, the term "large naval targets" usually refers to supertankers.

Both tankers were abandoned by their crew when attacked, except for the Norwegian captain of the Thorshavet, Egi Endresen, who remained behind to assist in the salvage operation for his ship. His chief officer, unidentified, was also with him.

to work a full day because they became exhausted quickly. Most live on day or weekly wages.

Government camps set up to house those who fled their homes near the factory have now closed. Excess food and firewood was distributed to the refugees.

The government of Madhya Pradesh state, of which Bhopal is the capital, has cancelled winter holidays for schools and colleges to make up for the time lost when they closed after the leak on Dec. 3. They are due to reopen on Monday.

N.R. Bhandari, superintendent of the city's main hospital, told Reuters five new patients had been admitted over the last 24 hours with secondary effects.

Islamic ministers seek formula to end Gulf war

SANAA (R) — Islamic foreign ministers, in the fourth day of their annual conference, tried Friday to find a common formula on the Gulf war between Iran and Iraq, the most contentious issue to emerge so far at the five-day meeting.

The two belligerents, both represented in the North Yemeni capital at ministerial level, have pinned the blame for the war on each other and the 45-member Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) has made little progress in its efforts to bring them to the negotiating table.

OIC Secretary-General Habib Chatti told a news conference here Thursday night there was unanimity on the need to end the four-year-old conflict but the conference political committee had not yet drafted a resolution on the subject.

The war is the only major outstanding item facing the committee, which Thursday prepared a long list of resolutions on the Middle East, Lebanon and the Palestinian problem.

Conference sources said Kuwait and 23 other OIC members had also drawn up a resolution condemning air piracy and calling on Islamic countries to take strict measures to prevent hijackings and punish those who carry them out.

The move was apparently prompted by the hijack of a Kuwaiti airliner to Tehran earlier this month and the subsequent killing of two American passengers by the hijackers. Iran is among the sponsors of the motion, the sources added.

The document specifically mentions the Tehran incident and calls on all Islamic states to sign international conventions on air piracy, try and severely punish hijackers or extradite them to the countries where the hijackings began.

The foreign ministers were later Friday expected to choose a successor to Mr. Chatti, who leaves his post next month at the end of a four-year term, the sources said.

Some sources said one of the candidates for the post, former Bangladeshi Foreign Minister A.R. Shams Ad Duha, had withdrawn his candidacy, leaving the field open to Pakistani Law Minister Sharifuddin Pirzada.

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Lebanese critical of French troops after Israeli attack

TYRE, Lebanon (R) — South Lebanese villagers say French troops in the U.N. peacekeeping force failed to protect them during an Israeli attack last week in which medical sources said six people were killed.

"We want good relations with the French in UNIFIL (U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon) but after what happened we don't want anything more to do with them," said Mohammad Haukous, a local resistance leader against the Israeli occupation.

UNIFIL spokesman Timor Goksel acknowledged the UNIFIL's good relations with the Shi'ite Muslim villages had been damaged by the raid but said accusations by local people of UNIFIL complicity were ridiculous.

He said villagers misunderstood UNIFIL's role in relation to Israeli troops.

"Here we have two forces with totally incompatible goals and totally different methods of operation... UNIFIL is not allowed to fire a single shot unless in self-defence," he said.

Last week's Israeli operation in southern villages was in an area patrolled by French U.N. troops, and Shi'ite leader Nabih Berri has said he was almost certain UNIFIL was involved.

Medical sources said six people, mostly women, were shot dead

when Israeli soldiers hunted resistance fighters in the villages. Israel said its troops killed two people.

People in Maarakeh said they became apprehensive when UNIFIL troops abandoned a checkpoint at the entrance to the village two days before the raid.

"After the raid, people believe UNIFIL is only here to bury them," said Khalil Gerabdi, a resistance leader in Maarakeh.

Goksel told Reuters a UNIFIL patrol was in Maarakeh during the Israeli raid. In one village, a French soldier fired over the head of an Israeli who had fired in his direction, he said.

He said the Israelis denied the UNIFIL patrol in Maarakeh freedom of movement while they searched the village, and delayed U.N. ambulances in the area from removing the wounded.

Several people in Touira villages said they saw French UNIFIL troops alongside Israeli soldiers in the village.

Omidhah Dhaine, mother of a 17-year-old girl wounded by three

shots in the raid, said: "I recognised the faces of five French (UNIFIL) soldiers with the Israelis."

French troops stopped the car taking her daughter to hospital at five a.m. outside the village and it was nine a.m. before the girl was allowed to go to hospital, she said.

Medical sources in the area said it was nine a.m. before Tyre's Jebel Amel Hospital received any wounded.

Mr. Haukous said: "The French UNIFIL troops knew everything in advance and they want us to pay for what happened to their embassy in Beirut."

The French embassy in mainly-Muslim West Beirut has been the target of several bomb and gun attacks. Last year, 58 French troops died when a suicide truck bomber destroyed their Beirut headquarters.

UNIFIL was established in 1978 after an Israeli invasion of South Lebanon that year and was mandated to "confirm" Israel's withdrawal and help Lebanon restore government authority in the region.

The force has 5,200 men from nine countries stationed south of the Litani River, but the Israelis have not allowed them to deploy along the Lebanese-Israeli border.

being worked out, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who heads the Likud group, publicly contradicted Prime Minister Shimon Peres, the Labour Party chief, over Lebanon.

Some commentators suggested Thursday that the religious funding row could be a prelude to a more fundamental one over southern Lebanon.

Mr. Shamir said on television that Israeli troops occupying southern Lebanon would not pull out until there were adequate security arrangements for Israel's northern borders.

The dispute, which spurred the Shas to quit the coalition, had brought its main Labour and Likud parties into their first major confrontation as Likud threatened also to resign.

Under a settlement announced Thursday, Shas will control the Interior Ministry and 60 per cent of the budget for Jewish religious activities while the NRP gets the Religious Affairs Ministry and control of the other 40 per cent.

But, even as the accord was

Mr. Peres has said he is losing patience, and told the newspaper Haaretz this week that if there was no last-minute breakthrough "I am in favour of the army's pulling back to the international border...

in time to celebrate mass for the Coptic Christmas. By the calendar of the West's Christian faith that is on Jan. 7.

Pope Shenouda was a soldier and a journalist before becoming a priest. Mr. Sadat banished him at a time when he was also purging Muslim activists and there had been sectarian clashes in one of Cairo's many slums.

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CHARITY BAZAAR: Chief Chamberlain charity bazaar at the Amman Marriott Hotel (see Prince Ra'ed Ibn Zaid Friday inaugurates a one-day story page 3) — Petra photo

Chad says Libya still waging war

N'DJAMENA (R) — A Libyan military aircraft has flown a reconnaissance mission over government-held positions, showing Libya is still waging war on Chad, N'Djamena Radio said.

The radio said Thursday night a Soviet-built Ilyushin-76 flew Thursday over Arada, 500 kilometres north-east of here.

It repeated earlier government claims that instead of pulling out its troops under an agreement with France last September, Libya was building reinforcements with a view to launching a fresh offensive against the government-held South.

"Libya is really preparing new attacks against government forces," it said, urging Chadians to mobilise to face the challenge.

The radio did not mention Thursday's announcement in Paris that French and Greek military observers were in Tripoli to check on Libyan withdrawal.

The pullout of French and Lib-

yan troops, which have been backing opposing sides in fighting between rebel and government forces in Chad, was due to be completed on Nov. 10. But France admitted later Libya had not honoured the pact. Tripoli insists all its troops have left the country.

French Defence Minister Charles Hernu's remarks to journalists during a visit to a military training school in south west France followed an announcement by External Relations Minister Roland Dumas that French military observers were in Tripoli.

Mr. Hernu's remarks were the first official word that both French and Greek observers would monitor the Libyan withdrawal from Chad.

"French observer officers as well as Greek observer officers are in Tripoli at the moment. These (French) officers were sent by the chief of staff a few days ago. They are there awaiting an observation mission to Chad, with a view to

examining the conditions and monitoring the execution of the agreement of Sept. 17 on military disengagement in Chad," he said.

France, which had 3,500 troops in Chad backing President Hissene Habre against Libyan-supported rebels led by Goukouni Oueddei, withdrew its men after signing a withdrawal agreement with Libya on Sept. 17.

Both sides announced the withdrawal had been completed on Nov. 10 but five days later President Francois Mitterrand met Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi on the Greek island of Crete and afterwards announced Libyan troops were still occupying the northern part of Chad.

Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu engineered the Crete meeting.

There was no indication of how many officers would take part in the observation mission, or how long it would last.

Libyan leader causes furore at Spanish island news conference

PALMA, Majorca (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi warned Spain it was entering a zone of hell and destruction by remaining in NATO and said the two Spanish enclaves in North Africa were Arab.

Col. Qadhafi was talking at a news conference on the Spanish Mediterranean island of Majorca following a five-hour meeting with Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez, and his remarks were expected to fuel a growing controversy over his visit.

The Libyan leader, making his second sortie into Western Europe in recent weeks, again denied that there were any Libyan forces in Chad, despite recent French estimates that 3,000 troops were still there.

The white-suited Col. Qadhafi, who frequently smiled and ended the news conference laughing, described the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) as an enemy of the Arab World and added:

"Any state which is related or integrated with NATO is entering a zone of hell and destruction."

His remarks came on the heels of heated debate on NATO at a

national congress of Mr. Gonzalez's Socialist Party which backed his unpopular bid to keep Spain in the alliance.

Much questioning of Col. Qadhafi at the press conference reflected heightened interest in the fate of Ceuta and Melilla — the two Spanish enclaves claimed by Morocco — following the union pact between Tripoli and Rabat last August.

"Our position on this cause is very clear... Those who worry, why should they worry about Arab cities?" Col. Qadhafi asked.

Asked whether Libya would break out over the enclaves, he said: "These are immature suppositions. I hope the problem will be solved without force."

Col. Qadhafi was also asked whether it was true that his country financed the Basque separatist guerrilla group ETA (Basque Homeland and Freedom) and he flatly denied it.

"We have no relation with this movement," he said.

Mr. Gonzalez's controversial decision to meet Col. Qadhafi enabled the Libyan leader to

make a foray into Europe at a time of growing isolation over his country's activities in Chad and reported involvement in international terrorism.

Spain's leading newspapers expressed outrage at the visit and demanded that Mr. Gonzalez explain it to parliament. El Pais said his presence on Spanish soil was astonishing.

The main opposition, the Rightist Popular Alliance, described the Gonzalez-Qadhafi meeting as shameful.

Diario 16, whose weekly Camilo 16 said Col. Qadhafi had recently given \$900,000 to ETA, described him as "the terrorist who... finances the organisation that represents the main danger threatening Spain's democracy."

The meeting with Mr. Gonzalez, which Col. Qadhafi described as very positive, was arranged by former Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky and followed the Libyan leader's encounter last month with French President Francois Mitterrand and Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu in Crete.

Pressed to explain apparent contradictions in his remarks on

NEWS IN BRIEF

Masri meets N.Yemeni leader

SANA'A (Petra) — North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh Thursday received Jordan's Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri and reviewed with him Arab and international issues, listed on the agenda of the Organisation of Islamic Conference's (OIC) foreign ministers meeting, currently held in the North Yemeni capital of Sana'a. Mr. Saleh and Mr. Masri also reviewed bilateral relations in the commercial, economic and technical fields. Mr. Masri also conveyed the greetings of His Majesty King Hussein to the North Yemeni president, who also asked Mr. Masri to convey his best wishes and those of the Yemeni people to King Hussein and the Jordanian people.

Israelis impose curfew on Dheisheh

AMMAN (Petra) — Israeli occupation authorities Thursday clamped a curfew on the Dheisheh Camp for Palestinian refugees near Bethlehem and broke into the houses of the camp and the neighbouring areas in search of Arab citizens, whom the Israeli authorities alleged to have attacked an Israeli military vehicle on Wednesday near the camp. The Israeli authorities searched houses of Arab citizens in the area and arrested a number of them.

Euro-Arab committee to meet in Rome

TUNIS (Petra) — The Euro-Arab dialogue's cultural, labour and social affairs committee will hold a 2-day meeting in Rome on Jan. 14 to discuss a number of topics on cultural and social fields. Participants in the meeting will discuss holding a cultural course in one of the Arab countries, similar to two seminars held earlier in Hamburg and Venice and publishing minutes of these two seminars. They will also discuss issuing an Euro-Arab periodical and the possibility of cooperation in the field of languages and drawing up a directory for cultural and scientific institutions in both Arab and European countries. Organising meetings between Arab and European writers and publishers in addition to officials in charge of radio, television and cinema, will be one of the subjects of discussion during the two-day meeting.

Egypt considers curbing power use

CAIRO (R) — Prime Minister Kamal Hassan Ali has ordered his government to work on introducing a three-year crash programme to cut electricity use by state agencies by an average of about six per cent annually, officials said. They said the programme, discussed with key advisers, reflects alarm at how rapidly rising power demand threatens to erode a surplus of crude oil now available for export, earning around \$2 billion a year for the cash-pinched economy.

Libyan troop withdrawals from Chad, Col. Qadhafi said

repeatedly that his forces had left.

"There are no Libyan forces in Chad any more and those who are interested can go and see," he said.

Col. Qadhafi said Tripoli was offering to let an international commission go anywhere to verify the withdrawal but added: "On condition that it inspects the north and the south of Chad."

Col. Qadhafi also called for renewed diplomatic relations with Britain, broken last April over the shooting of a British policewoman outside the Libyan embassy in London.

Asked about a reported recent attempt on his life, he said: "If it happened, I have only heard it from you."

Talking about his cool relations with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, Col. Qadhafi said Libya had relations with peoples and causes but not with individuals.

But he said Mr. Arafat was free to come to Libya at any time. "I came to see my friends Bruno Kreisky and Felipe Gonzalez. The meeting ended very successfully

and I want to express my satisfaction at the outcome," he added.

Col. Qadhafi and his 25-strong entourage left the island for an unspecified destination shortly after the news conference, local officials said.

Before leaving the luxury hotel where his party occupied 20 rooms he briefly met Mr. Kreisky, they added.

His remarks on Spain's North African enclaves sparked an immediate reaction from the Spanish government.

Government Spokesman Eduardo Sotillos told Spain's national radio: "Of course, what I should say immediately is that Ceuta and Melilla are unequivocally Spanish cities and that, naturally, anything to do with them should affect, worry and interest all Spaniards."

Foreign Minister Fernando Morán told reporters at the Madrid Parliament "the Libyan-Moroccan pact should not become an obsession either for us or public opinion."

He added that Col. Qadhafi had requested the meeting with Mr. Gonzalez.

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JORDAN TELEVISION

MAIN CHANNEL

Morning Programme
08:00 Sports
08:25 Children's Programme
09:35 English Teaching
09:50 First Aid
10:00 Koran
10:10 Cartoons
10:20 Children's Programme
10:30 Documentary
10:40 Local Programme
10:50 Programme Review
11:00 News Summary
11:10 News in Arabic
11:20 World News
11:30 Sports Round-up
11:40 News Summary
11:50 Arabic Film
12:00 News in Arabic
12:10 Film Contd.

FOREIGN CHANNEL

17:30 German Programme
18:00 French Programme
18:30 News in French
19:00 News in Hebrew
20:30 Comedy: Sorry
21:00 Saturday Variety Show
22:00 News in English
22:15 Feature Film: Car Pool

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07:00 Light Music
07:30 News
08:00 Morning Show
10:00 News Summary
10:30 Morning Show
11:00 News Summary
11:30 Pop Session
12:00 News Summary
12:30 Pop Session
13:00 News Summary
13:30 Pop Session
14:00 News Bulletin
14:30 Jordan Weekly
15:00 Concert Hour
16:00 News Summary
16:30 News Summary
17:00 Old Favourites
17:30 Special Feature
18:00 News Summary
18:30 Top Twenty
19:00 Date with a Star
20:00 Good Old Days
20:30 Just a Minute
21:00 News Summary
21:30 Country Music
22:00 News Summary
22:30 Play of the Week

BBC WORLD SERVICE

630, 720, 1413 KHz

06:00 Newsdesk 06:30 The World
06:45 Financial News 06:55 Reflections
07:00 World News 07:05 News Summary
07:10 About Britain 07:45 The World
07:50 Newsdesk 08:30 A Round
08:40 Local Programme
08:50 Programme Review
09:00 News Summary
09:10 News in Arabic
09:20 World News
09:30 Sports Round-up
09:40 News Summary
09:50 Arabic Film
10:00 News in Arabic
10:10 Film Contd.

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Sports News at 30 minutes past the hour.
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Conference USA 18:00 News 18:10
American viewpoints 18:30 Special
English News Features 19:00 News
19:10 Weekend 20:00 News 20:10
Close-up 20:30 Special English News
and Features 21:00 News 21:10
America Viewpoints 21:30 Press
Conference USA 22:00 News and Editorial
22:15 Music USA 23:00 Weekend
Survey of World News, Correspondents' Reports, Music, Cultural
events and Features

WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS

* An art exhibition of oils and watercolours by Nelly (Swiss) at 6:00 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre until Dec. 22.

* An exhibition of ornaments by Sabah at 4:00 p.m. at the Royal Cultural Centre until Dec. 24.

* A Palestinian national documentary exhibition at 4:00 p.m. at the Royal Cultural Centre until Dec. 24.

* Palestinian national exhibition of documents at the Royal Cultural Centre (until Dec. 24).

CULTURAL CENTRES

Royal Cultural Centre. Tel. 6610267
American Centre 44371
American Centre Library 41520
British Council 36147-8
French Cultural Centre 37099
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Spanish Cultural Centre 24049
Turkish Cultural Centre 39777
Haya Arts Centre 665195
Hammam Youth City 667181
Y.W.M.C.A. 41793
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Amman Municipal Library 36111
University of Jordan Library 845355

MUSEUMS

Fakhri Museum: Jewellery and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 51760.
Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Ota (Clindell Hill). Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays) 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays.
Jewish National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Munirah, Jabal Leventeh. Opening hours: 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 30128.
Martyrs' Memorial (Military Museum):

SERVICE CLUBS

Lions Amman Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1:30 p.m.
Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the International Hotel, 2:30 p.m.
Philadelphian Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1:30 p.m.
Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the International Hotel, 2:30 p.m.
Royal Automobile Club. Jabal Amman, Eighth Circle. Tel. 815261.

CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman, tel. 24590.
Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic) Jabal Leventeh, 37440.
De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Hussein, 661757.
Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox) Abadi, 23541.
Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabal Leventeh, 41559.
Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh, 771331.
Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafieh, 775261.
St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafieh, 771751.
Armenian Apostolic Church (Interdenominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani, 816534.
(Fridays and official holidays) 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays.

PRAYER TIMES

05:05 Fajr
06:34 (Sunrise) Duha
11:34 Asr
14:18 Maghrib
18:03 Isha

FOR THE TRAVELLER

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ARRIVALS

06:50 Cairo (MS)
07:30 Amman (RJ)
07:50 Dubai, Karachi (RJ)
08:45 Cairo (RJ)
09:45 Jeddah (RJ)
09:55 Kuwait (RJ)
09:55 Bahrain, Abu Dhabi (RJ)
10:00 Doha (RJ)
10:10 Larissa, Damascus (RJ)
10:20 Beirut (RJ)
10:45 Riyadh (RJ)
10:45 Singapore, Abu Dhabi (RJ)
12:00 Bahrain, Abu Dhabi, Muscat (GF)

DEPARTURES

06:45 Cairo (RJ)
06:50 Damascus, Frankfurt (RJ)
07:00 Beirut (RJ)
07:15 Amman (RJ)
07:30 Amman (RJ)
08:15 Cairo (MS)
08:45 Beirut (MSA)
09:30 Athens (OA)
11:15 Tripoli (RJ)
11:30 Athens (RJ)
11:45 Geneva, Madrid (RJ)
12:00 London (RJ)
12:15 Amsterdam, New York (RJ)
12:30 Frankfurt (RJ)
12:30 Rome, Paris (RJ)
13:00 Bahrain (GF)
14:20 Cairo (RJ)
15:00 Baghdad (RJ)
15:30 Baghdad (RJ)
17:30 Kuwait (RJ)
20:15 Abu Dhabi, Dubai (RJ)
20:30 Cairo (RJ)
21:10 Baghdad (RJ)
22:30 Cairo (MS)
02:40 Larissa, Bucharest (RC)

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Japanese yen (for 100) 162.7 163.6
Kuwaiti dinar 1325.2 1330
Lebanese lira 46.11 47.1
Omani rial 115.7 116.3
Qatari riyal 109.9 110.7
Saudi riyal 11.3 113.8
Swedish crown 45.4 45.7
Swiss franc 46.1 47.1
Syrian lira 39.9 40.9
U.S. dollar 109.3 110
U.K. sterling pound 47.9 47.4
U.S. dollar 493 405
W. German mark 129.9 130.7

WEATHER

Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology.

Scattered medium and high clouds will appear with southeasterly moderate winds. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

Lowest temperature in deg. C.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Obeidat receives W. German envoy

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Ahmad Obeidat Thursday received West German Ambassador Hermann Munz who called at the Prime Minister's office to bid farewell on the occasion of the end of his term in Jordan. Mr. Obeidat also received Hungarian ambassador to Jordan Zoltan Szegmnd.

Finance committee discusses budget

AMMAN (Petra) — The Lower House of Parliament financial committee, headed by Khaled Al Haj Hassan, resumed its discussions Thursday on the general budget law for the year 1985. Attending the discussions were Minister of Finance Hanna Odh and Budget Department Director General Ali Al Gharaibeh.

Jordanian dies in Iraq car accident

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has received a cable from the Jordanian embassy in Baghdad, to the effect that a Jordanian citizen, Adil Hamdan Said, has been killed as a result of car accident in Anbar Governorate in Iraq.

Woman injured as car hits electrical pole

AMMAN (J.T.) — A woman, identified as Arsor Malki, was injured in the face when her private car hit an electrical pole Thursday, according to a report in the local Arabic daily Sawt Al Shaab. Eyewitnesses said that the accident occurred when Mrs. Malki tried to avoid a car which was being driven very fast.

Assassinated PLO member laid to rest

AMMAN (J.T.) — A member of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), Ismail Darweesh, who was assassinated in Rome last week was buried in Amman Thursday in the presence of senior PLO officials.

The body of Mr. Darweesh was flown here Wednesday and buried in an emotional funeral Thursday. Present at the funeral were Deputy Commander of PLO forces Khalil Al Wazir, Palestine National Council (PNC) Speaker Abdul Hamid Al Saeh, other senior Palestinian officials and members of the deceased's family.

The 33-year old Palestinian was gunned down by an unknown killer shortly after his arrival in the Italian capital from Cyprus. Reports from Rome said that Mr. Darweesh was shot by a person who was riding a motorcycle near one of Rome's big hotels.

The PLO sent its own investigation team in Rome, who on their return, held a meeting in Amman Thursday. PLO officials here refused to disclose the committee's findings so as "not to affect the course of the investigation carried on by the Italian authorities." But Palestinian sources said that the investigation committee's findings confirm that the Israeli intelligence, Savak, plotted the killing.

Ministry will improve, expand village roads, Nijem says

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Public Works Rayef Nijem Thursday said that the ministry is determined to complete its road projects and to improve and expand village roads, particularly since the road maintenance allocations have now been increased to JD 5 million.

Mr. Nijem, who toured the ministry's projects in Tafleh district, expressed the hope that all citizens will be able to reach Afra bath by the end of the year following the completion of a study for a road to the baths and inviting a tender for implementing earth and concrete works at a cost of JD 300,000.

Speaking about the ministry's projects for next year, Mr. Nijem said that the ministry will complete the construction of a 24-kilometre road connecting the South Cement Factory to the Desert Highway at a cost of JD 4 million. The ministry will also complete work on expanding and improving a number of village roads in Tafleh district, he added.

Training course on construction statistics ends

AMMAN (Petra) — A training course on statistics in construction and building, organised by the Department of Statistics in cooperation with the Baghdad-based Arab Institute for Statistical Training and Research, concluded Thursday at the statistics department. Department of Statistics Director General Burhan Al Shraydeh gave a speech on the occasion in which he pointed out that the holding of this course aimed to unify the fundamentals of statistical data collecting and dissemination in the Arab World in order to arrive at a unified Arab strategy in the field of planning and development.



MARIAM VISITS MUSEUM: Her Majesty Queen Noor and Her Royal Highness Princess Haja Mariam of Brunel (second right) Thursday visit the Museum of Jordanian Traditional Life at the Roman amphitheatre where they were briefed by Department of Antiquities Director Adnan Al Hadidi (Petra photo)

Ra'd inaugurates Al Hussein charity bazaar; Majda requests funds for handicapped centre

By Sa'ad G. Hattar
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — His Highness Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, the chief chamberlain, Friday inaugurated a one-day charity bazaar at the Amman Marriott Hotel. The proceeds of the bazaar, organised by the Al Hussein Society for the Rehabilitation of the Physically Handicapped, will go to the Amman Centre for Education and Rehabilitation of the Physically Handicapped.

Her Highness Princess Majda told the Jordan Times that the annual bazaar aims to raise funds for the poor and the handicapped in Jordan. She said that this year's bazaar displayed many kinds of items and that several companies and institutions actively participated; shops offered 30 per cent of the proceeds of their goods at the bazaar for the handicapped.

The British, American, Turkish, Filipino, Canadian, Indian embassies and communities contributed in different ways either by donating items or by setting up a section in the exhibition. Princess Majda added.

Items on show at the bazaar included handicrafts and textile works made by the handicapped at the society, antiques, Christmas toys and gifts, embroidery work and home-made food donated by housewives.

Princess Majda said that the items which are not sold will be exhibited at the society's centre which is located at Jabal Amman between the Seventh and Eighth Circles.

Speaking about the society Princess Majda said the centre, which was opened by His Majesty King Hussein in March 1984, aims to meet the needs of 80 elementary school students who are unable to

attend ordinary schools because of their physical disabilities. She added that the society, a joint project by the Queen Alia Welfare Fund and the Al Hussein Society, was built on a land donated by King Hussein. The first stage of the building includes residential accommodation which has been financed by the Sultanate of Oman, while the second stage, which is not yet financed, will offer vocational training to 60 trainees with a view to employment, both open and sheltered, according to their disabilities. She continued.

Princess Majda called on the public to give a helping hand to those who are "suffering in our society." She said: "The whole project urgently needs large and small donations, both for the second stage buildings and for sponsorship of individual students and trainees throughout their course."

Power producers, distributors conclude talks

Arab energy experts call for electrical industries company

AMMAN (Petra) — A two-day meeting and working group on electrical power producers and distributors in the Arab World concluded Thursday with a call for establishing an Arab company for electrical industries to be directly supervised by the electric power producing and distributing institutions.

Participants in the two-day meeting also stressed the importance of establishing an Arab federation for producers and distributors of electric power in the Arab World.

Participants at the meeting adopted a recommendation endorsing the present follow-up committee, grouping the under-secretary of public works, electricity and water in Bahrain, the president and director general of the Tunisian Electric Company, director general of the Jordan Electricity Authority and representatives of the Arab Economic and Social Development Fund and the Arab Industrial Development Organisation with following up on the issue of manufacturing electric tools and equipment.

They also charged the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) with drawing up a formula for the Arab company which will manufacture electric tools and equipment.

The JEA was also charged with drawing up the proposed formula for the constituent regulation of the Arab federation for electric power producers and distributors.

Speaking about the importance of the meetings, the acting director general of the JEA said that the meeting provided a good opportunity for participants to exchange information and expertise, through reviewing working papers and detailed studies on electric power in each Arab country.

JEA prepares energy study

AMMAN (Petra) — Work is currently underway for preparing the final report on the electricity and energy planning study which is being conducted by a joint team from the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) and the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), according to a JEA spokesman.

The spokesman added that the JEA commenced with this study two years ago with the aim of forecasting the demand for energy and electricity during the coming five or ten years in order to prepare an energy generation expansion study in the light of these forecasts.

Livestock project assessed

AMMAN (Petra) — The constituent committee of the livestock breeding project reviewed bases of cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture in relation to benefiting from the Ministry's reserves, grazing lands and experiments.

During the meeting results achieved by the Ministry of Agriculture in the field of breeding livestock were reviewed and circulated to farmers with the aim of improving and developing animal wealth in Jordan.

Greens team due in Amman

(Continued from page 1)

Miss Heinrich, 43, was elected to the European Parliament last June as the Greens Party pick. Up 8.2 per cent of the West German electorate. The Israeli decision to deny entry to the Greens came as the latter started their tour of the region, in Beirut.

At the conclusion of a five-day visit to Lebanon, the delegation announced it will demand a European parliamentary investigation of the Israeli occupation of South Lebanon. Reuters said in a dispatch from Beirut.

The agency quoted Miss Heinrich as telling a press conference "the party will table a motion calling for the parliament to set up an investigatory committee."

The delegation, which left Beirut Friday for Damascus, will also try to visit Israel to study the situation in the Israeli-occupied territories. It is not yet known whether the Israeli authorities will allow the entry of the delegation when they head Monday for the bridge to cross from Jordan to the occupied West Bank.

West German Charge d'Affaires Rodiger Lemp told the Jordan Times Friday that the Israeli authorities would most probably allow all members of the delegation except Miss Heinrich who is considered "most controversial" member of the team by Israel.

However, Mr. Lemp added, "I have doubts the Greens members would cross the bridge to the occupied West Bank without Miss Heinrich."

In Beirut, prior to their departure for Damascus, Greens deputy in the Bundestag Jurgen Reents said the Greens wanted the world to remember the Israeli occupation of South Lebanon because it was being forgotten like Israel's 1967 occupation of the West Bank, Reuters reported.

When the West Bank was taken, there was no talk of settlements. Now, Israel has made it part of the country, and we are afraid that might happen to South Lebanon," he said.

Mr. Reents said the Green's belief in the injustices of the Israeli occupation was "dramatically reinforced" during the visit, which included meetings with South Lebanese villagers, government ministers and ordinary citizens in Beirut cafes, Reuters said.

"We ask all governments that have good relations with Israel to have Israel to withdraw from southern Lebanon," he said.

The Greens of West Germany are described as a "rambunctious, militant party of anti-nuclear protesters, peace demonstrators and environmentalists." From their establishment in 1980, the Greens have billed themselves as "anti-party." Since that time, they have attracted young professionals, students and women, as well as a solid bloc of middle-aged West German voters dissatisfied with "politics-as-usual." By 1982 Greens deputies sat in six of the country's 11 local parliaments. Then, in the March 1983 national elections, the fledgling group won 5.6 per cent of the popular vote and 28 seats in the Bundestag.

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Why does a Jordanian write in English?



Talking straight Marwan Muasher

I CHOOSE to write today about a topic that I have hitherto considered of a personal nature. The title of this article represents a question that I have continuously asked myself since I started writing to the Jordan Times two years ago, but also one that has been increasingly asked of me by many readers. I write today not as

much in defence of those of us writing in English as to raise some points which transcend the personal level.

There are two sides that govern how and why a writer writes the way he/she does: technical and moral. Technically speaking, a writer uses that form or structure which he/she is most comfortable with. I, as well as many others in the J.T., write in English because technically it is easier for us. That might sound strange coming from someone whose mother tongue is Arabic. But for many who have been educated abroad for a long time and especially at character-forming ages, the thought-process often changes to suit the language and culture they were educated in. It is not that our Arabic is poor, rather that we have learnt to think in English, with all the connotations this process has on an article's form and content.

The moral issue is a bit more sticky. It is a fact that one can tackle a wider variety of issues in the J.T. in more open ways than in any of our Arabic dailies. The limited circulation, language and type of readership of the J.T. are all barriers standing against it being

read by the Jordanian public at large. It is therefore "permissible" for one writing in English to be more blunt than his colleague or himself writing in Arabic. A writer, no doubt, finds this point particularly attractive. Initially, therefore, these technical and moral points constitute two very strong driving forces behind writing in English.

Time, however, gives way to many other considerations. A writer has to decide at some point what type of readership he/she wants to reach. He/she has to resolve the question of why and to whom he/she is writing. In the case of the J.T., this presents a dilemma. One needs to address the issue of who reads the Jordan Times?

This is a question that I have no clear answer to. There are no concrete statistics on the subject, but it would be fair to say that the percentage of foreigners reading it is far greater than that of Arabs, although the story is somewhat different in absolute numbers. If I have to guess, I would say a few thousand foreigners read it, and perhaps a slightly fewer number of Arabs.

For a writer who has the foreign community in mind, the

issue is settled. The purpose of writing in such a case is usually to present the foreigners with a local point of view on a variety of issues. Writing in English here is totally justified, as the issues and the readership dictate the language articles are written in.

Although I have written some articles with the foreign community in mind, most of my articles are intended to address the Jordanian public. It is here where a significant debate is rightly raised. It is obvious that I am only writing to a very small number of those I wish to reach, one that is often claimed to be sympathetic to my views anyway. The argument that is often raised against me by many Jordanian friends is that I am addressing the wrong readership, and in the process all what is achieved is "to expose our mess to the foreigners".

A foreigner's typical reaction to my articles, it is claimed, is: "See, even Jordanians are unflattering in their views about their own country". It is undoubtedly frustrating to know that one is not reaching the whole readership one wants to reach. This is a writer's biggest worry. For while

some write for the sake of writing and thus are overly concerned about style or structure, I'd like to believe that a writer's main concern, and purpose as well, is to convey ideas as clearly as he/she can.

No writer is content, therefore, to have a limited readership. But the question of whether the solution to the problem is writing in Arabic has more sides to it than meet the eye. It is still an ongoing debate in my own mind, one that I have not been able to completely resolve yet.

The technical question of the "thought-process" is one that is solved by time, and thus does not need much elaboration. As one lives in this society, he/she regains the lost feelings associated with all the intricacies that together form an understanding of the culture one lives in. With time, one's Arabic might not ever become as articulate or sound as one's English, but time would allow it to be good enough as to convey the message across by means of a thought process more harmonious to the culture.

The moral questions present a far bigger challenge. Considering the freedom one has

writing in English, the question arises of whether it is justifiable to write to a few educated sector of Jordanians, even though in the process one is also "exposing our mess to the foreigners"? Is this small sector necessarily sympathetic to the ideas I write about? If so, is it still worth it to write for them, in the hope of forming a small but effective nucleus of educated citizens able to lobby for their view of where our society should head? Or is this vision too optimistic? Does writing to this sympathetic sector encourage more educated people to voice their opinions publicly? If so, isn't it at least partly effective?

What about foreigners? Should we hide our heads in the sand and pretend nothing is wrong lest foreigners ridicule us? Are foreigners not aware of our problems just because we do not write about them? Can we assume that all foreigners make fun of us? Could it be that some of them respect a little objectivity whenever we are willing to take a harder look at ourselves? After all, aren't we the ones who respect so many "foreign" societies whom we consider more "open" and "democratic"?

The questions are endless. But to handle the first part of the problem, i.e. writing in English, I feel it is important to have a frank, unedited, look at our problems, and to voice our concerns publicly and clearly. If in the process, we invite the ridicule of some foreigners, so be it. This cannot, and should not, stand in the way of a continuous process of re-evaluation of our ideals and goals on our part.

That ideal talk is all fine, so why don't I write in Arabic to hope to achieve it? Another set of questions is immediately triggered here. If the type of subjects I wish to tackle are constantly "edited" in Arabic, where does one draw the line? Should a writer compromise some or many of his ideas in return for a broader readership, even though that could mean a total or partial eclipse of whatever he intended to say? Or should he continue to write uncompromisingly, but to a limited readership which is often apathetic? Of course, what determines an acceptable compromise varies from one writer to another, and anyway depends on a variety of factors. Among all these questions

and counterquestions, one shameful fact stands clear to me. The crux of the matter is this: We are unable to say in our own language that which we can in a foreign one. I sincerely doubt that any writer would not jump at the opportunity of writing in Arabic, given that he has the ability, but more importantly the freedom.

A justification? May be. Perhaps we are not doing enough to try writing in Arabic. Perhaps a bit of a compromise is not too bad if that means reaching larger spectra of people. And again, perhaps too much compromise defeats the very purpose for which a writer writes. This latter point obviously describes the way I feel about writing. If I am not yet good enough to be able to put my ideas in Arabic in a way where they will not be censored, and if the ideas I write now are not acceptable to the Arabic dailies, then I would rather stay writing in English to a limited readership. I am certain, however, that our aim as writers continues to be writing in Arabic that which we are doing in English, and I hope that we will seriously work towards the day when that goal is achieved.

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'Hepatitis B' cases increase in U.S.

By Christine Russell

WASHINGTON — Health experts have warned of a rapid increase in the United States of cases of hepatitis B, a serious viral disease that can lead to death from liver cancer or cirrhosis. They urged a major national push to vaccinate high-risk groups against the disease.

Dr. James Mason, head of the U.S. centres for Disease Control, said Thursday that the incidence of the disease has risen 68 per cent since 1978, to 200,000 infections last year. "In anyone's book, it is one of the top killers and cripples in the United States," he said.

Major health groups, including the centres, released new scientific evidence to support assurances that a vaccine to prevent the disease, available since 1982 but not yet widely used, is safe and effective.

"It is clear, absolutely clear, that this vaccine is safe," Dr. Mason said, dismissing what he called unfounded fears that the vaccine might transmit AIDS, or

acquired immune deficiency syndrome, which is usually fatal.

The hepatitis B warning coincided with two other major health developments.

The agency said there would be a severe shortage in the coming year of a combination vaccine to protect children against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough). It called for an immediate postponement of follow-up shots for children 18 months and older "until greater supplies are available."

Dr. Mason said that he did not expect disease outbreaks to result, since infants at greatest risk still would get shots, while older children would carry immunity from their initial shots.

A British journal reported the first documented case of a health care worker becoming infected with the AIDS virus after accidental exposure to blood from a patient with the disease. U.S. officials, concerned about reaction among health workers, cautioned that with adequate precautions the risk to health care workers still

appears to be quite small.

"AIDS has affected more than 7,000 Americans since it was identified in 1981, killing nearly half of them. The disease is found predominantly among sexually active homosexual men and intravenous drug abusers. It is spread by a virus through sexual contact and through blood and body fluids, and its route of transmission is similar to that of hepatitis B.

Hepatitis B is also spread through sexual contact, contaminated needles, from carrier mothers to infants and through contact with body fluids. Although far less deadly, it is a far greater public health problem. But because it has been around longer, people have been less concerned, Dr. Mason said. If it were discovered today, he said, "people would be just as concerned about hepatitis B as they are about AIDS today."

Because the hepatitis B virus is difficult to grow in the laboratory, the vaccine is produced from blood products taken from hepatitis carriers, such as homosexual

men, who are the same groups at greatest risk of carrying AIDS in their blood.

But the study results released by the disease centres and New York researchers, in conjunction with the vaccine manufacturer, Merck, Sharp & Dohme, documented that the AIDS virus is not present in the vaccine and that any viruses originally in the blood would have been killed by chemicals used in the production process.

About 200 million people worldwide, including a million Americans, are chronic carriers of hepatitis B, Dr. Mason said. Each year, experts noted 200,000 more Americans are infected, with about 50,000 developing serious signs of the disease such as jaundice and 10,000 needing hospitalisation.

Hepatitis B is generally a disease of young adults from 15 to 40, he said. It has risen from about 40 cases per 100,000 Americans in 1979 to an expected level of almost 70 cases per 100,000 this year — Washington Post.

Sultan of Brunei ends three-day visit to Jordan

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concerning the future role of Brunei as an Islamic nation", the official said. "We are trying to assert the political role of Brunei as an Islamic country," said the official, who requested not to be named.

King Hussein has urged Brunei to assume its role as an Islamic nation in support of Arab and Islamic causes. He specifically pointed out to the Gulf war as an area where Brunei could make important contributions by using its good relations with Iran to stop the war.

In his turn the Sultan expressed full support for the Palestinian cause and declared his country's stance on the issue.

"The only solution for the Middle East conflict can be achieved by giving the Palestinians their

right to self-determination," he said.

Palestine Liberation Organisation (P.L.O.) Chairman Yasser Arafat visited Brunei last spring and was received with a very warm welcome by the Brunei people. A Palestinian official, who accompanied Mr. Arafat in the trip, said then that "it was an unbelievable and unforgettable popular reception. People literally carried Arafat in Brunei."

Yet, the small, but extremely wealthy, nation is very conservative and has no relations in any field with the socialist bloc. "We maintain long-standing relations with the United States but have no relations whatsoever with the communist countries," the Brunei delegation member said.

"We are a Muslim nation and

oppose communism."

"In this aspect I guess that we are just like Saudi Arabia," he added.

The Sultan arrived in Jordan Wednesday after visits to Oman and Egypt and was accorded a very warm reception.

On Thursday, the King accompanied his guest in a tour of military sites including the Army Headquarters and the Hussein Medical Centre and several army units. The Sultan was briefed on the history of the Jordanian Armed Forces and watched an instant take-off exercises performed by the Royal Jordanian Air Force at the Martyrs' Mouwafaq Al Salhi Military base.

Official sources told the Jordan Times that both sides have agreed to cultural exchanges and that

Jordan will help in training Brunei's military officers.

The sources did not explain whether this will involve sending military experts to Brunei or bringing Brunei military officers to Jordan for training programmes.

Sultan Muda and Princess Mariam and the accompanying delegation left Amman Friday after the visit for an unknown destination. They were seen off at the airport by King Hussein, Queen Noor, His Highness Prince Mohammed, His Highnesses Princess Taghreed, Zein and Aisha, other royal family members, Royal Court officials, Prime Minister Ahmad Obaidat, and cabinet members, the speakers of the Upper and Lower Houses of Parliament and senior military and civil officials.

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Bayern beats Egypt's National

CAIRO (R) — Bayern Munich of West Germany dazzled Egyptian fans Friday with a display of world-class soccer to beat Egypt's National club of Cairo 2-1 in a friendly match here.

Bayern, who lost 1-2 to Egypt's Zamalek on Wednesday in another friendly, proved too much for National. Although on top of the home league with maximum points from nine matches, the Egyptian side failed to match Bayern's imagination and speed.

A two-minute burst in the second half produced a goal apiece with Bayern striker Dieter Hoes-

ness opening in the 53rd minute with a left-footed drive.

National equalised a minute later when substitute Samir Fawzy volleyed a cross from teammate Alaa Mayboub.

Bayern's winner was the delight of the match. West German international Lothar Matthäus beat three National defenders before finding the target with a drive ins-

ide the right-hand post.

National's substitute goalkeeper Ahmed Shoubir, who came on in the second half, pulled off a spectacular save when Matthäus completed another dazzling solo run with a fine drive.

National looked like they might steal a draw in the last 10 minutes but their repeated forays failed to beat the Bavarian side's defence led by captain Klaus Augenthaler.

National meet Cameroon's Canon Yaounde on Dec. 30 in the second leg of the African Cup Winners' Cup finals. The Egyptians are one goal up.

Mayotte out of South Australian tennis open

ADELAIDE (R) — American Tim Mayotte suffered further embarrassment Friday when he was knocked out of the South Australian Open Tennis Championships by unseeded Peter Doohan.

The Australian, who had to save a match point in the final set tie-breaker, won 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 against the number two seed, whose nickname of 'Gentleman Time' failed to save him from an \$850 fine for an audible obscenity against Britain's Jonathan Smith Thursday.

Doohan will now feature in an all-Australian semifinal against local idol John Fitzgerald, a 6-3, 6-3 winner over third-seeded

Czechoslovak Miloslav Mecir.

The other semifinal will bring together defending champion Mike Bauer of the U.S. and Dutchman Huub van Boeckel, who beat Australian John Frawley 7-6, 6-4.

Friday's victory will take Doohan into the top 100 in the world rankings for the first time — a good way to end 1984 for a player who joined the professional circuit at the relatively late age of 23.

"A lot of people said I was too old to start or that I was over the hill at 23. But I just wasn't strong enough at 16 or 17 to go out on the pro-circuit," explained Doohan.

Jepson crowned champion

By P.V. Vivekanand
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — David Jepson, a Briton living in Jordan for the past three years, was Thursday crowned as the National Rally champion of 1984.

At a special ceremony held at the Royal Automobile Club (RAC), organisers of the National Rally, the club's chairman, ex-Minister of Trade and Industry Walid Asfour, presented trophies to Jepson, who had scored on aggregate total of 176 points in six rallying events organised by the club, and three other winners.

Anthony Walker, another British resident of Jordan, was placed second with 140 points, George Khayyat and George Haddad, both Jordanians, were placed third and fourth with 140 and 106 points respectively.

In naming the national champion of the year, the RAC took into consideration all rallying events held in Jordan in 1984, including the fourth leg of the Middle East Rally Championship and auto-tests sponsored by La Briche and the National Press, in addition to the actual racing events sponsored by Petra Bank, Beituna and Daihatsu. A speed test, which was scheduled to be held on Dec. 14 as a climax to the year's events, was called off at the last minute because of bad weather.

Jepson, 40, a quantity surveyor working with the Laing group of companies, has over 12 years of rallying experience behind him. He had his wife, Barbara, as co-driver in racing a Toyota Starlet to win the first leg of the National Rally, and the La Briche auto test, and to score 16 and 28 points in the Beituna and Daihatsu rallies respectively, both of which he had to abandon because of a mechanical failure and an accident.

In the Jordan leg of the Middle East Rally Championship, where he was placed fourth with 64 points, Jepson had a British male as his co-driver.

Walker and Khayyat both drove Nissan cars to score their victories in the National Rally, while Haddad, who represented Jordan in the Dubai leg of the Middle East Rally Championship held earlier this month, was behind the wheel of a Toyota Celica. Haddad was



David Jepson — 1984 rally champion

placed fifth in the Dubai rally, the first-ever leg of the Middle East Rally Championship to be attended by a Jordanian.

According to the rankings list drawn up by the RAC, the following were placed in positions fifth to tenth, out of a total of 76 participants.

Haile Aguiar, George Rizk, Suhail Marar, Nabil Dirani and Hassan Alaedine (both shared the eighth place with 60 and 53 points respectively), Tareq Billeisi and Ziad Bustami.

The 1984 event was the first national championship event to be organised by the RAC in about 20 years. Speaking at Thursday's ceremony, RAC General Manager

Derek Ledger praised "the spirit of sportsmanship" of the contestants reflected in the most orderly conduct of the rallying events and thanked the local authorities, police and the press for their contribution in making the event a success.

Mr. Ledger promised to enhance the club's sporting activities and specifically expressed hope that the National Rally, championship of 1985 will be much wider in scope and participation.

The National Rally is open all permanent residents of Jordan, regardless of nationality, and the RAC hopes to make it an annual event. According to Mr. Ledger, "the spirit of rallying is growing rapidly in Jordan." He pointed out to the presence of a large number of specially equipped rally cars in the country and said by every consequent rallying event the number of participants is increasing steadily.

Haddad told the Jordan Times Thursday that "people tend to consider rallying as just another form of racing or speeding, whereas rallies are in fact one of the safest motor sports."

"How many accidents do we have in every rally?" he asked.

"Even conceding that there had been one or two serious mishaps in the entire year's rallying events, how many were seriously injured?"

He referred to an accident he himself had in the Jordan leg of the Middle East Rally Championship, when his car somersaulted several times before landing on its back. Haddad's brother, Nabil, who was co-driving the vehicle, suffered the only injury in the mishap — a broken arm.

U.N. condemns English rugby union tour

UNITED NATIONS (R) — A United Nations body cited the English Rugby Football Union (ERFU) Wednesday as the most serious violator of U.N. resolutions against apartheid in sports for sending its national team to South Africa earlier this year.

It also said Britain had been most prominent in providing passports of 'convenience' enabling South African athletes to 'penetrate into the Olympic and Commonwealth Games' and other major sporting events.

The charges were made in a register of sports contacts with South Africa issued by the U.N. Centre against Apartheid.

The list, covering January 1 to June 30, names some 140 Britons — the largest national group — 80 Americans and sports figures from more than 30 other countries.

But the U.N. centre said the despite intensified efforts 'the South African regime and its racist sports bodies... have so far failed to achieve any meaningful success'.

Although a few sportsmen and women and national teams with some international standing had been lured through the 'payment of inflated appearance fees and exceptional hospitality,' South Africa continued to have limited access to international sports.

"The most serious violation of the United Nations resolutions against apartheid in sport was committed by the English Rugby Football Union (ERFU) when it decided, by 44 votes to six, to send its national teams to South Africa," the report said.

Despite appeals from various quarters, the ERFU team, "although badly depleted in strength

by withdrawals, including that of the team captain Peter Wheeler, toured South Africa in May and June," it added.

It criticised the Commonwealth Games Council for England for allegedly failing in its constitutional obligation under the code of conduct of the Commonwealth Games Federation by not taking effective measures to try to prevent ERFU's tour.

The U.N. Centre said although several countries had helped to provide passports of convenience for South African athletes, "The United Kingdom has been outstanding on this issue."

"Over the years a string of South Africans have penetrated into the Olympic and Commonwealth Games and other major international sports events as representatives of the United Kingdom."

Dutch must beat Cyprus to keep World Cup hopes alive

NICOSIA (R) — The once-mighty Netherlands, pointless and seemingly hopeless at the foot of their World Cup qualifying group, must beat Cyprus to have any chance of reaching the 1986 finals in Mexico.

That is the blunt truth manager Rinus Michels will emphasise again to his side as they run out here on Sunday for their third Group Five qualifying soccer tie.

The Dutch, managed by Michels when they finished runners-up in the 1974 and 1978 finals after being beaten by West Germany and Argentina, have lost qualifying matches against Hungary and Austria this year.

Now victory is essential if they

are to keep alive their fast fading hopes of snatching a 'back door' ticket to Mexico by finishing second in the group and advancing via the playoff.

But the Cypriots, buoyed by their 1-0 win over Luxembourg earlier this week, their first home win against an international side in nine years, will not surrender easily.

Michels sent his assistant Dick Advocaat to watch Cyprus's 2-1 defeat by Hungary last month. "And afterwards he admitted: 'They're tough and work hard. They know how to defend and could give us a hard time.'"

The Hungarians, with a maximum six points from their three matches, have a firm grip on the table. They lead by two points from second-placed Austria on four.

Cyprus are also pointless and have the same goal difference as the Dutch. But they occupy third play courtesy of having scored two goals, one more than the Netherlands.

Dutch hopes will be pinned on strikers Peter Houtman and Marco van Basten, while defender Ernie Brandts will shoulder most of the responsibility for thwarting any Cypriot counter attacks.

Cypriot manager Panicos Iacovou plans to field the same side which narrowly lost to Hungary. It will be his side's last home match of the qualifying campaign.

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U.S. says Soviets aiming for 450 to 500 SS-20s

BRUSSELS (R) — The United States has forecast that the Soviet Union would ultimately deploy between 450 and 500 SS-20 medium-range nuclear missiles, compared with the 387 Washington says it has at present.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Burt told a news conference at NATO headquarters: "I think it is possible at this stage to suggest that the ultimate number of SS-20 deployments, based on what we know about new base construction, is likely to range from between 450 to 500."

He was speaking after chairing the last session of NATO's special consultative group on medium-range missiles before next month's Geneva talks between U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

The group declared NATO's support for what it called "the United States determination to pursue in a serious and flexible

way negotiations leading to balanced, meaningful and verifiable reductions and limits on these systems."

Diplomats who attended the meeting said it yielded no new information on U.S. preparations for the Shultz-Gromyko session. One said it had been held "largely for form's sake."

The group's statement took special note of NATO government's determination to continue deploying U.S. cruise and Pershing-2 missiles in the absence of a concrete negotiation result.

"With the approach of a new and it is hoped productive phase in the arms control dialogue, allied governments are committed to maintaining close and regular consultations," it added.

Mr. Burt said the U.S. would tailor its consultation procedures once it became clear what form the new arms talks would take, but the special NATO group would continue to play a major part.

He based his forecast of a big increase in SS-20 deployments on the number of bases now under construction and the fact that, according to U.S. intelligence, the rate of production of the triple-warhead missiles was unabated.

The majority of new SS-20 bases under construction were in the Western part of the Soviet Union, he said, indicating most of the new missiles would be targeted on Western Europe.

Asked if the U.S. was encouraged by comments on arms control by Soviet politburo member Mikhail Gorbachev in Britain this week, Mr. Burt said: "To the extent to which his remarks suggest the Soviets are prepared to take a serious look at realistic arms control in Geneva, then that is a positive development."



SIGHTSEEING: Soviet Politburo member Mikhail Gorbachev and his wife sightseeing in London.

Thatcher defends Hong Kong deal

HONG KONG (R) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said Friday the agreement handing Hong Kong to China's Communist rulers in 1997 was better than no deal at all.

Mrs. Thatcher told a news conference the Sino-British pact she signed in Peking on Wednesday after two years of often difficult negotiations would ensure the stability and prosperity of the territory well into the next century.

With a stroke of the pen, the staunchly anti-Communist Thatcher agreed to place Hong Kong's 5.3 million people under Chinese rule in 13 years.

China has also pledged to let Hong Kong keep its capitalist system for 50 years after the handover under a concept of "one country, two systems."

Mrs. Thatcher said: "The agreement assures the continuation of Hong Kong as a free-trading,

capitalist society for a very long time to come into the middle of the next century. This means that Hong Kong can plan long-term with confidence."

She told Hong Kong's civic leaders Thursday that during her 36-hour stay in Peking, top leader Deng Xiaoping and Premier Zhao Ziyang had assured her China would honour its commitment.

Mrs. Thatcher brushed aside a reporter's question of whether it was morally defensible to deliver Hong Kong's people "into the hands of a Communist dictatorship."

She retorted: "What do you think would have happened if we had not attempted to get an agreement? In 1997, 92 per cent of the territory would have reverted to China."

Hong Kong Island and the Kowloon peninsula were ceded to Britain permanently but the remainder

of the territory was leased under a 99-year agreement expiring in 1997.

Mrs. Thatcher said the agreement, which must be formally ratified by the two sides by June 30 next year, was basically acceptable to the people of Hong Kong.

But she said that Britain and China were aware of anxiety in the territory over some parts of the accord.

Chief among them are the forming of a joint liaison group to oversee the implementation of the agreement, the stationing of Chinese troops in Hong Kong and the question of nationality.

Mrs. Thatcher afterwards left for Washington to brief President Reagan on her talks in Peking and discussions in London with Soviet politburo member Mikhail Gorbachev.

Jayawardene ends all party conference

COLOMBO (R) — President Junius Jayawardene Friday dissolved an all-party conference trying to find ways of solving Sri Lanka's ethnic unrest and hinted he might call a referendum or a general election on the issue.

Mr. Jayawardene wound up the conference saying the government "would have to make the final decision on the best way of resolving the ethnic issue and introduce laws in parliament."

He said the supreme court would have to examine if the proposals contravened the constitution.

Laws that do not conform to the constitution have to be referred to a referendum. The president has powers to call a referendum or a general election.

Mr. Jayawardene told delegates from political parties, ethnic groups and religious organisations taking part in the conference that their task had now come to an end.

The conference, called by Mr. Jayawardene after more than 400 people were killed in ethnic violence last year, opened 11 months ago to find ways of ending tension between the island's Sinhalese and Tamils.

Tamils, who form 2.5 million of the island's 15 million population, accuse the government of discriminating against them and are demanding a separate state.

Britain's fuel train fire in tunnel still blazing

LITTLEBOROUGH, England (AP) — Over 100 firemen were still fighting a fire Friday, a day after it broke out in a 3.2 kilometre rail road tunnel Thursday 60 metres under the Pennine Hills in northern England when a train carrying petroleum gas was derailed.

At one stage, 30-metre high flames blazed into the sky through a large surface ventilation shaft from the tunnel.

Yorkshire Fire Department spokesman Ralph Mallinson said Friday there was no longer risk of an explosion but the tunnel might collapse.

Firemen continued to pour large quantities of foam into the tunnel through surface air vents during the night and Mr. Mallinson said the emergence Friday of more steam and less smoke from the vents indicated the fierceness of the fire had lessened.

At one stage Thursday, firemen fled for their lives as a series of fireballs erupted. The 14-car derailed freight train was carrying 100 tons of fuel, police reported.

Mr. Mallinson said the normally busy rail link between the cities of Leeds and Manchester would remain closed and gave no indication when it might be reopened.

Authorities reported that leaking petroleum seeped into a nearby river. Police appealed to local residents not to discard lighted matches or cigarettes in the area around the tunnel.

KARACHI (R) — Pakistan's military government has been holding secret talks with its opponents to discuss the appointment of a prominent critic as prime minister, senior opposition leaders said Friday.

The meetings, which started early this month, have centered on making Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi head of the coming civilian government, the leaders, who asked not to be identified, told Reuters.

Mr. Jatoi, who declined to comment, is the acting head of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) of former Prime Minister Zulfikar

Ali Bhutto, overthrown by President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq in 1977 and later hanged.

Gen. Zia was assured five more years in power on Wednesday through a controversial referendum on his Islamic reforms.

The leaders said senior generals had met heads of the opposition Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD) several times this month. But a government spokesman said he did not know of such meetings.

Mr. Jatoi was offered the post of prime minister in 1980 but refused because Gen. Zia would not announce an election date.

Gen. Zia is now only three months away from the March 23 deadline he has set for polls for a civilian parliament.

The MRD signalled a more moderate stance Thursday by offering itself as a caretaker government.

It dropped its demand that Gen. Zia resign and blamed what it called the rigging of the referendum on Chief Election Commissioner S.A. Nusrat.

Mr. Nusrat, whose carefully planned election programme was modified several times before and during polling.

Indian opposition urges defeat of Gandhi

NEW DELHI (R) — The leaders of six Indian opposition parties Friday launched a joint appeal for the defeat of heavily favoured Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in the general elections that start on Monday.

The opposition chiefs, all non-Communists and including former Prime Minister Charan Singh, declared in a statement that Mr. Gandhi's Congress (I) Party had failed the country and could preserve neither Indian unity nor the life of the nation's citizens.

"It has become only a corrupt machine for the self-aggrandisement of the few," the statement said.

"We call upon all our countrymen to defeat the Congress (I) candidates and pave the way for the emergence of a new India."

Mr. Gandhi himself, who has described the opposition as splintered and ineffective, pressed on with the last stages of his campaign, touring the southern state of Tamil Nadu which lies adjacent to the island nation of Sri Lanka.

Reuter correspondent Chanyanya Kalbag, following the Gandhi swing, reported the Indian leader as voicing deep concern over the ethnic crisis in Sri Lanka.

Tamil Nadu's people have close cultural and religious links with the Tamil minority in Sri Lanka.

Mr. Gandhi promised that his country's navy would provide full protection for local fishermen, whose boats, he said, had been fired on during the Sri Lanka crisis.

The Congress (I) campaigners in Tamil Nadu have had to deal with the pressing local issue posed by the Sri Lanka situation as well as seeking sympathy votes following the Oct. 31 assassination of the prime minister's mother and predecessor, Indira Gandhi.

They have also sought support over the illness of the state's Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran, a major Gandhi ally and former film star, who underwent a kidney transplant operation in New York this week.

Commenting on Friday's opposition declaration, a spokesman for one of the parties involved said it was an attempt to compensate for the earlier failure of the anti-Gandhi groups to agree on which seats to fight in their campaigns against the government party.

Voting in the general election takes place on Dec. 27 as well as on Monday.

But there is no voting in the troubled states of Punjab and Assam. On Friday, the governor of Punjab, scene of violence between government forces and Sikh extremists, indicated there would be no state elections either in Punjab in the near future.

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Israelis launch 'operation undress'

TEL AVIV (R) — Teams of Israeli military police have been patrolling city streets forcing civilians in army clothes to return them — sometimes there and then. A military spokesman has said "operation undress" was aimed at reclaiming tens of thousands of unreturned army coats, shirts, sweaters, trousers and other items of clothing. Israeli television showed a team in action in Tel Aviv confiscating enough clothing in two hours to keep a laundry busy for an entire day. Citizens had to take off their shirts and coats and were charged with stealing army property. One man was forced to remove his trousers and sent on his way. Israelis are normally called for reserve service for several weeks every year ending their regular military service.

'Christmas trees are crawling with bugs'

TROMSO, Norway (R) — An average Christmas tree has about 30,000 bugs and insects on it, according to a Norwegian scientist. Arne Fjellberg, a museum researcher in this northern Norwegian town, told reporters that a microscopic investigation of the Christmas tree revealed mites, fleas, lice, parasite wasps, spiders and beetles. "The Christmas tree is full of life, with insects crawling, jumping, reproducing and killing, but none of them are dangerous and most die after some days," Fjellberg added.

Australian regains lost speech

SYDNEY (R) — Australian Marie Heffernan has regained the power of speech which she lost 12 years ago after eating a piece of Christmas pudding. She had a coughing fit this week and spat out a 1959 silver three-penny piece which her mother had put in the pudding. The coin lodged between her vocal cords and prevented them from vibrating, doctors said. Marie, 25, said: "It's incredible to be able to speak again. I have had to have speech therapy to help me put words together."

Liverpool closes Strawberry Field

LIVERPOOL, England (R) — Liverpool City Council has approved the closure of Strawberry Field, a children's home celebrated in song by the Beatles. The city council voted to run down the home over the next five years by not placing any more children in its care. Strawberry Field inspired a hit based on the childhood memories of Beatle John Lennon.

Peter Lawford in coma

LOS ANGELES (R) — British-born actor Peter Lawford, who was treated for alcoholism earlier this year, has slipped into a coma and is in critical condition, a hospital spokesman said. The spokesman would not give the cause of his illness, but said the outlook for his recovery was very uncertain. Friends said they believed he had kidney and liver problems. Lawford, 61, entered hospital last Sunday. Before undergoing treatment for alcoholism last January he said he believed vodka was killing him, "and I don't want to die." Lawford was first married to Patricia Kennedy, sister of the late President John Kennedy, and joined the so-called "rat pack," whose members included Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin. The marriage ended in divorce in 1966 after they had four children.

Big chill hits Soviet Central Asia

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet Central Asia, more used to desert heat than Siberian chills, is reporting the coldest winter on record, the ancient capital of Uzbekistan, have plunged to minus 35 Celsius (minus 31 Fahrenheit), the paper said. As a result, gas reserves in the region normally sent to colder climates, are being diverted to the main cities of Central Asia. Meanwhile, the north eastern Siberian cities of Verkhoyansk and Oymyakon, have already recorded minus 56 Celsius (minus 68 Fahrenheit) temperature, Izvestia said.

Pravda criticises U.S. pullout from UNESCO

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet daily Pravda said Friday the United States, which is pulling out of UNESCO at the end of the year, had used "blackmail and threats" in an aborted attempt to change the organisation.

Pravda said the United States had disagreed with most other members on policy. Washington had opposed the international organisation's programmes aimed at helping developing countries, as well as its stance on disarmament, apartheid and its condemnation of Israeli policy in the Middle East.

The United States had been increasingly isolated in UNESCO's discussions on the fate of the world, Pravda said.

The United States confirmed its decision to pull out of UNESCO — the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation — two days ago, say-

ing the called-for reforms had not gone far enough.

The Reagan administration last December gave a year's notice of withdrawal from UNESCO but said it could reverse the decision if sufficient reforms were made.

The U.S. pullout deprives the agency of \$47 million in American dues, about a quarter of its annual budget.

Other Western countries have also expressed concern about the running of UNESCO and Britain announced last month that it would pull out unless reforms were made by the end of 1985.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Gregory Newell told reporters that reform efforts made during the year appeared genuine, but "in the light of the serious concerns we expressed last December an unacceptable gap clearly remains."

Czechoslovak newspaper praises Genscher visit

VIENNA (R) — Czechoslovakia's trade union daily Prace Friday a recent visit by West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher to Prague had contributed towards better East-West relations.

"The talks in Prague confirmed the viability of the principles of peaceful coexistence between countries with different social systems and was a contribution towards livelier East-West relations after a cool phase in the last few months," Prace said, quoted by the official Ceteka News Agency.

Prace said tension had been caused by the deployment of U.S. missiles on West German territory and by "revanchist calls which often come from high circles."

"But history gave us the rule of neighbours. These are not always members of one family or close friends. However they should be solid and reliable partners, especially in the nuclear age," Prace added.

Mr. Genscher ended a three-day official visit to Prague Thursday during which he discussed bilateral and international issues with Czechoslovak Foreign Minister Bohuslav Choupek.

Mr. Genscher Thursday visited a group of 70 East Germans camped in his country's Prague embassy but held out little hope of them making an early exit to the West.

The East Germans are staging a sit-in at the legation in a bid to gain permits to leave for the West. Some 40 of them have been on hunger strike since last Friday to press their demands.

Diplomatic sources said Mr. Genscher had told the would-be emigrants — some of whom have been in the mission since September — that they should return to East Germany and submit their applications for exist permits there.

He also gave them a full briefing on contacts between Bonn and East Berlin over the sit-in and promised that they would not be evicted from the legation, the sources added.

He was accompanied by Ludwig Rehlinger, state secretary at the Inner-German Affairs Ministry, who has been in charge of negotiations on the situation for Bonn.

Mr. Rehlinger said last week that discussions with East Germany over the issue had come to a dead end.

East Berlin has granted exit permits to East Germans who have occupied West German legations in Eastern Europe in the past.

GOREN BRIDGE

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A DASH OF HOLIDAY SPIRIT

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ AKJ5
♥ J98732
♦ 52
♣ 3

WEST EAST
♠ 10987 ♠ Q643
♥ A ♥ K
♦ KJ108 ♦ 643
♣ 9542 ♣ KQ1076

SOUTH
♠ 2
♥ Q10654
♦ A Q97
♣ A J8

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♦ Pass 4♥ Pass
5♠ Pass 6♥ Pass
Pass Double Pass Pass
Pass

Opening lead: Ten of ♠.

Beware of loose doubles. If your action points the way for declarer to make his contract, the swing is enormous.

This deal was played after an evening of great feasting — food was abundant and wine flowed freely. As a result, both North and South seemed to think they possessed an ace more than they actually held, which accounts for the final contract. West's double was equally incomprehensible, but there was nothing the matter with South's handling of the contract.

After West led the 10 of spades, declarer carefully in-

spected dummy. Had there been no double, he would surely have gone down — the sensible way to play the contract would have been to surrender a trump trick and then rely on the diamond finesse.

The double, however, drew a roadmap for declarer. Unless West held both missing trumps, in which case there was nothing that could be done to save the hand, he surely had the king of diamonds and was expecting to collect a diamond trick in addition to the ace of trumps.

He was soon proved wrong. Declarer won the king of spades, cashed the ace of spades for a club discard, and ruffed a spade. After ruffing a club on the board, and dummy's last spade in hand, South was ready to administer the coup de grace.

He exited with a trump. West captured his partner's king perforce, and was faced with a Hobson's choice. A diamond lead would be into declarer's major tenace; a club would allow him to discard dummy's diamond loser while ruffing in hand.

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